

# Junior Ranger Promise

I, \_\_\_\_\_, upon becoming a Governors Island National Monument Junior Ranger hereby promise to:



1. **Explore** Governors Island National Monument.
2. **Learn** about the historical and natural wonders of the island and help to teach others about this important place.
3. **Protect** Governors Island, and all other National Park Sites, so that these places can be enjoyed by kids just like me!

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Sign

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is awarded to

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In recognition of taking care of your national parks by becoming an official Junior Ranger at

**Governors Island National Monument**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Park Ranger

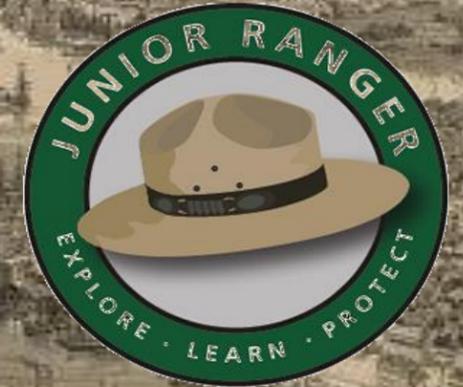
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# Junior Ranger Guide

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Hey guys, I am Colonel Jonathan Williams!  
 Welcome to Governors Island National Monument.  
 I am so glad you have decided to become a Junior Ranger!  
 All you need to do is follow me through the book and be sure to do the activities for your age group:

★ A star for those of you who are 4-7 years old.

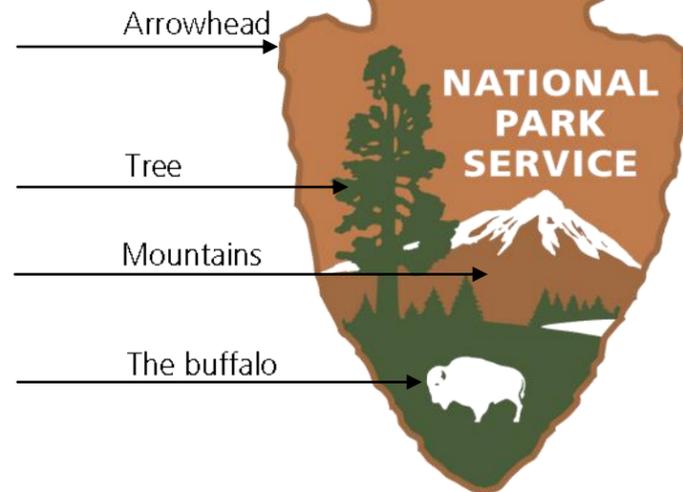
▲ A triangle for those of you who are 8 to 12 years old.

Once you are done, bring the book back to a Ranger who will sign your certificate and present you with a badge!  
 Good luck and have fun!



The arrowhead is the symbol of the National Park Service. Each part of the arrowhead represents a job that the National Park Service does. Can you guess what each symbol means?  
 Match the definition to the correct arrow!

1. Protection of wildlife.
2. Protection of historical places and things.
3. Protection of places to play and scenic views.
4. Protection of trees and other plants.



Circle which of those four items above might apply to Governors Island?

Wildlife    Historical places or things    Places to play    Plants and trees

# ★ Treasure Island

Not only is Governors Island historical, but it is home to many different species of plants and animals!

It was an important place for the Lenape Indians many years before you or I ever visited because it was a great habitat for wildlife, especially the kind they could use for food and shelter.

Use this card to help you find some of the wild inhabitants of Governors Island. Circle the pictures that match with what you see, maybe you'll get a BINGO!



Fort Jay Eagle 	Chestnut 	Barn Swallow 	Apple Tree 	Goat 
Tern 	Squirrel 	Douglas Fir 	House Sparrow 	Pin Oak 
Bees 	Ginkgo 	Free	Gulls 	Mourning Dove 
Mallard 	Magnolia 	Starling 	American Elm 	Hawk 
Norway Spruce 	Canada Geese 	Oyster 	Ranger 	Red Maple 

Did you know that Governors Island is an estuary? [S-chew-Airy]

An estuary is an area where freshwater and saltwater mix and create an ideal habitat for many different plants and animals!

Use the space to the right to draw a picture of the plant or animal that you think would benefit most from an estuary (Hint: use the bingo chart for inspiration).

## Word Scramble

Here you will find a handy little fact sheet to remember the history of Governors Island, but there's a problem...some of the most important words have been scrambled! Can you help decipher the correct spelling of each of the bolded words? If you're stuck, be sure to ask a Ranger for help. After you're finished, show this to a friend who might want to know about the island!



Governors Island **NTAONILA OMNMUNTE** was established in 2003.

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The **NTINOAL ARPK VERSICE** manages 22 acres of the island. The rest is managed by the Trust for Governors Island.

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The island was originally called **PANGACKG** or "Nut Island" by the Lenape Indians who first settled the island. (Hint: Check the plaque about 30 steps from the entrance to Nolan Park)

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During the American Revolution, General **EOGREG NAW SIGHONT** sent Major General Israel Putnam and 1000 men to build earthworks to protect New York Harbor.

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There are three historic forts on Governors Island: **FROT AYJ**, **SATCLE LIAWLMIS**, and **STUOH ATBERTY**.

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All three of these forts were designed by Colonel **JOTHNAAN SIWMAILL**.

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Governors Island was part of the **CAOSLAT EFDSENE YSTEMS**, which protected New York City from the British Navy during the War of 1812.

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During the Civil War, Castle Williams and Fort Jay were used as prisons first for **CEFDERAOTEN** soldiers, then later for U.S. Army soldiers.

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In 1966, the U.S. Coast Guard used the island for their base. They used Castle Williams as a community center for the children on the island and hosted a scary **HUNATDE OUHES** every Halloween.

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## What is that Word Again?

Here are some words that might be answers for your Junior Ranger booklet. Turn back to this page if you are stuck.



**Colonel** [kernel] - An officer in the Army. They are one step below a General. A colonel has many important jobs and is a leader for men and women in the Army.

**Habitat** [Hab-i-tat] - A type of place where a plant or an animal can grow and live.

**Sally Port** - A gate or tunnel which protects the entry into the fort. The Fort Jay sally port has a statue of an eagle on top!

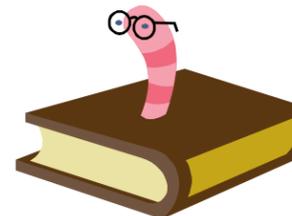
**Dry Moat** - A ditch that goes around a fort which will make entering the fort hard for the enemy. It is called dry because it is not filled with water...or dragons!

**Ravelin** [rah-VEH-lin] - A wall that looks like the letter V. It is found in the dry moat and is a place where soldiers would be able to attack the enemy from a safe place.

**Parade Ground** - A flat place where soldiers march or set up camp. When Fort Jay was first built, the soldiers would march inside the fort.

**Barracks** - [bear-Acks] A place where soldiers live.

**Glacis** - [glass-SEE] A hilly grassy area that hides and protects soldiers from view. It also protects the fort from being hit by a cannonball.



**Circle your favorite word on the list.**

# ▲ Oh, the Places You Can Go!

Learn about the different historical places on Governors Island. Find their names in the word search below and circle them. Some of these places might be also be found on our map. See if you can visit some of them along the way to completing your Junior Ranger guide!

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## Word List

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| ARSENAL DISTRICT          | LIGGETT HALL         |
| BATTERY MARITIME BUILDING | NOLAN PARK           |
| CASTLE WILLIAMS           | PARADE GROUND        |
| COLONELS ROW              | PERSHING HALL        |
| COMMANDING OFFICERS HOUSE | SOISSONS LANDING     |
| FORT JAY                  | SOUTH BATTERY        |
|                           | ST. CORNELIUS CHAPEL |



Use the space below to write down any exciting discoveries you make on the Island!

★ Look around Castle Williams and try and imagine what it was used for other than to protect the harbor. If you guessed that it was a prison, you're right!

▲ The Castle was first established as a prison during the Civil War, to hold Confederate soldiers taken from battle. After the Civil War ended, the Castle was turned into the model prison for the U.S. Army.

Either take the guided, Ranger-led tour of Castle Williams or walk around the exhibits on the first floor.

Look out a window and imagine you are a prisoner in Castle Williams, what do you think you would see?

Use the space below to write a letter or draw a picture to tell your family what is happening outside your window. Remember to be creative, anything is possible in New York City!



# ★▲ Where's Williams?

There are so many people from Governors Island's past in Castle Williams to celebrate the work of its designer, Jonathan Williams!

So many, in fact, that he's gotten himself lost in the crowd! Do you see Colonel Williams in this picture? Circle him when you find him.



Now for a bonus activity to try at home!

There are lots of other interesting people to find in this picture as well! For an extra challenge, see if you can spot all of them!

- President George Washington
- First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt
- Two Army musicians (hint: one is from the Civil War and doesn't have his fife)
- Orville Wright — the first man to fly an airplane
- Frederick Grant, son of Civil War general and President Ulysses S. Grant

How many soldiers can you find? (Hint: the number may be bigger than you think— some women in this picture are soldiers too!) \_\_\_\_\_

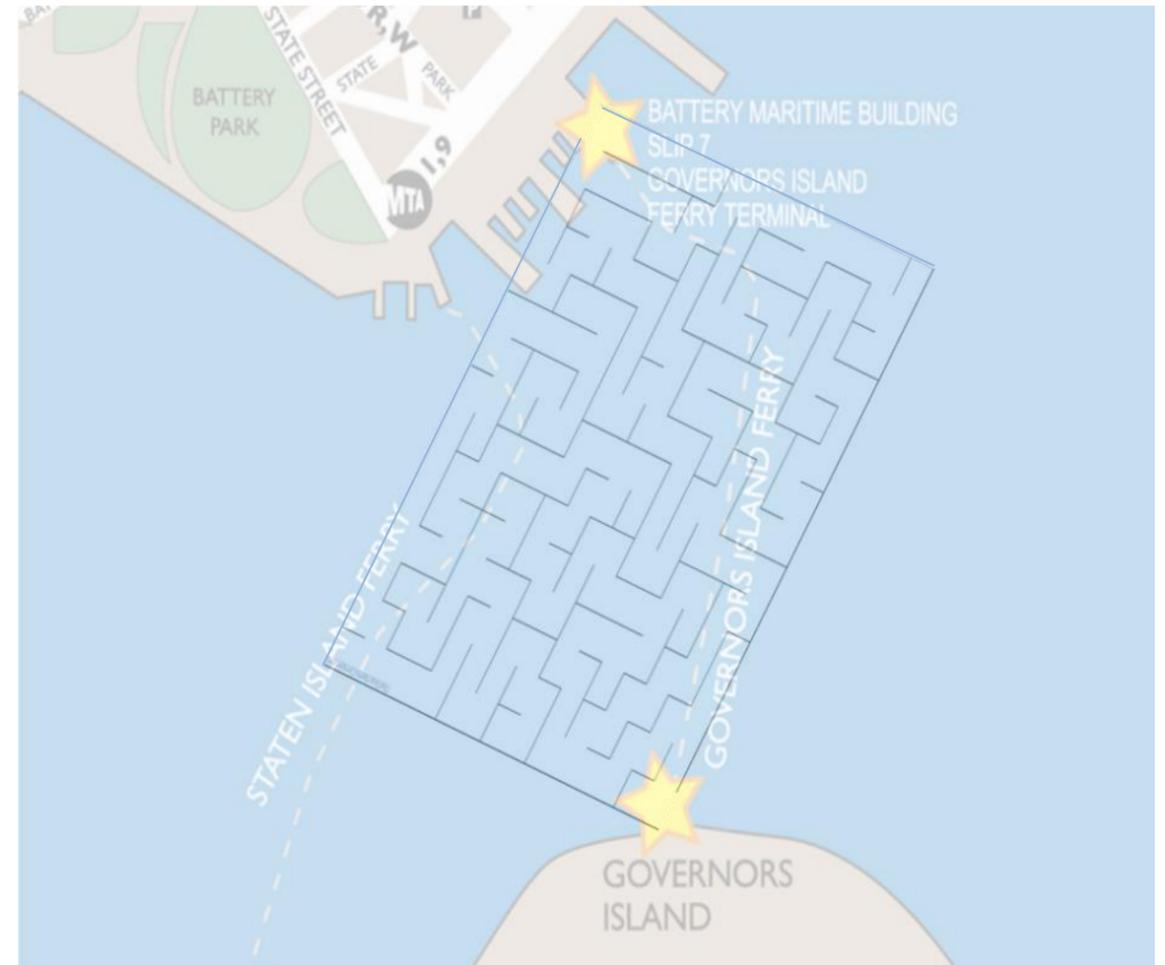
**BONUS!**

# ★ Governors Island is *Ferry Fun!*



Unless you are a great swimmer, you came here by a ferry boat. Did you know that is the very same way people have been coming to Governors Island for over 200 years? The ferry boat you travelled on is operated by a captain, whose job is to guide everyone safely to and from the island.

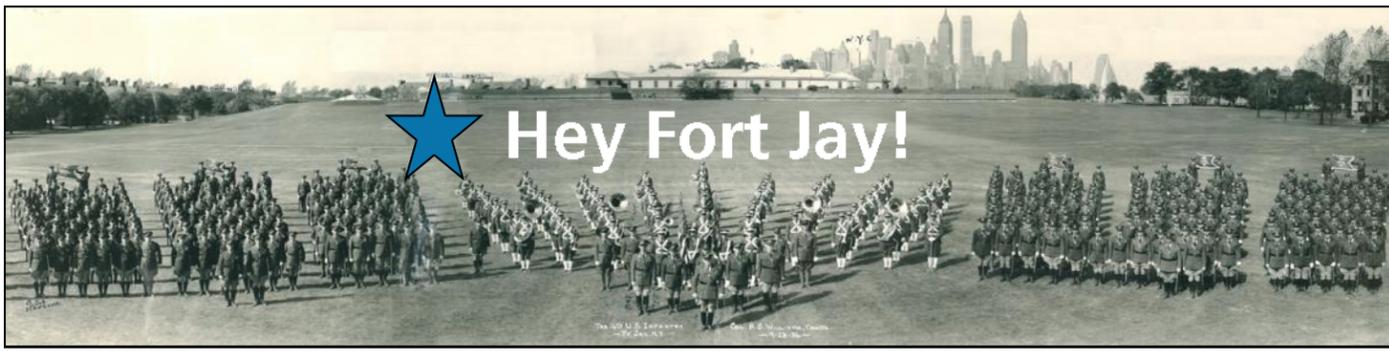
Now you are the captain! Find the way to Governors Island!



Here are pictures of ferries that people may have used to get to Governors Island.

Circle the one that looks most like the ferry that brought you here.





Look for the flag flying at Fort Jay.

Does it match any of the flags on this page? If it does, circle it.

Now read about the history of some of the flags of the United States of America.

Did you notice music playing inside Fort Jay while you were exploring?



What you heard are bugle calls which were often be played by people very close to your own age!

In fact, some of them even learned to play those tunes at the Army music school right here on Governors Island!

Look for the list of bugle calls in Fort Jay and find the call that matches the time that you heard it.

What time did you hear a bugle call?

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What was its name

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**1. Grand Union Flag - 1776**

To meet a need for a symbol of its cause, the Continental Congress appointed a committee chaired by Benjamin Franklin to design a flag. Due to divided political sentiment over the question of independence, the design chosen reflected colonial unity by its 13 red and white stripes and continued unity with Great Britain by use of the Union Jack. The flag was raised for the first time on January 1, 1776 at Charlestown Massachusetts.



**3. Fort Sumter Flag - 1861**

This flag, with a distinctive bowtie-shaped pattern of 33 stars, flew over Fort Sumter when it was attacked on April 12, 1861, marking the start of the Civil War. It was lowered by the fort's commanding officer Major Robert Anderson when the fort surrendered on April 14, 1861.

The next place the flag was flown was in Union Square in New York City on April 20, 1861 before a crowd of 100,000 people.



**2. Star Spangled Banner - 1814**

This 15 star and 15 stripe flag was commissioned in 1795 after Vermont and Kentucky were added to the Union. It is the only U.S. flag in history to have more than 13 stripes! This flag was flying over Fort McHenry during the British attack on September 13, 1814. This was the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write his poem, *The Star Spangled Banner* which would eventually become our national anthem.



**4. 48-Star Flag 1912-1959**

With the addition of New Mexico and Arizona to the United States in 1912, the total number of stars on the flag grew to 48. They are arranged in even rows of eight across and six down. This was the official flag for 47 years, the second longest of any United States flag, and saw us through World War I and World War II.



## ▲ Defend the Fort!!



Fort Jay is a strong structure because of its many different parts. This bird's-eye view will help you see those different parts. Can you label each of the parts of Fort Jay?

Next, imagine you are the commander of Fort Jay trying to defend the fort from an attack.

Where around the fort would you place the soldiers? What about the cannons?

Draw a "X" in the places where cannons might go.

Draw a circle for where the soldiers might be.

<b>Word Bank</b> Hint: If you need help with words, go to Page 3.	<b>Ravelin</b> <b>Dry Moat</b>	<b>Sally Port</b> <b>Parade Ground</b>	<b>Barracks</b> <b>Glacis</b>
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